



SAAMAR Campaign

Why in News?

On July 13, 2022, Rajeshwari B, Director General, Jharkhand State Nutrition Mission, wrote a letter to the Deputy Commissioners of 5 districts of the state, from July 15 to July 31, 2022, under the **SAAMAR** campaign for the investigation of children and women with suspected malnutrition and anemia, panchayat and block wise. Instructions were given to run a special campaign.

Key Points

- The special drive will be carried out in five districts of the state- Latehar, Chatra, West Singhbhum, Simdega and Sahibganj.
- Rajeshwari B said that in the review done on the progress of Samar Abhiyan on July 5, 2022, it was found that there are about 20,492 suspected cases of malnutrition and anemia in the state, out of which only 641 have been tested at Anganwadi centres.
- A total of 19,851 suspected cases of malnutrition and anemia are to be investigated. For this, wide publicity should be ensured to check malnutrition and anemia by running a special campaign from July 15 to 31, 2022.
- The list of all the cases of malnutrition and anemia is available in the SAAMAR App on the investigation done at the Anganwadi center. The Anganwadi Sevika will ensure that the information of the severely malnourished child already identified in the nutrition tracker is compiled in the SAAMAR APP. Anganwadi camp will be organized every day at the village level to ensure that all suspected cases of malnutrition (weight, height, height, medical examination, hunger test) and anemia will be checked in the presence of ANM.
- He has clearly directed that the daily progress report should be compiled on the SAAMAR Dash Board and a meeting under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner should be held every week to review the situation.
- Children with severe acute malnutrition (**SAM**) from 6 months to 5 years, who do not have any medical illness and are qualified to check for hunger, will be treated for at least 4 months by adopting 11 stages at the Community Based Management Anganwadi Centre (**SAM**).
 - Step-1: Community Mobility
 - Step-2: Screening of suspected cases and physical measurement
 - Step-3: Medical assessment of severely malnourished children
 - Step 4: Check the hunger of severely malnourished children
 - Step-5: Keep it in **STC** or refer to **MTC**
 - Step 6: Nutritional Treatment
 - Step 7: **SAM KIT** (Medicines)
 - Phase-8: Nutrition and Health Education
 - Step 9: Follow-up of the Children
 - Step-10 : Criteria for discharging
 - Step-11: Follow-up after getting discharge
- Children suffering from severe malnutrition (SAM) from birth to 6 months will be treated at the Malnutrition Treatment Centre.
- Children suffering from severe malnutrition (SAM) from birth to 5 years, who have any medical illness and fail to check for hunger, will be treated at the Malnutrition Treatment Centre.
- Children/adolescents/young women and pregnant women suffering from anemia will be treated under the Anemia Free India Programme.

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